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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - JANUARY 21 (SUMMARY)

REF: PORT LOUIS 0031 (NOTAL)

1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED TO EXPLAIN HIS SURPRISING
RESIGNATION AS EDUCATION MINISTER A WEEK EARLIER, HEERALALL
BHUGALOO MADE A SEVERE ATTACK ON THE LABOR PARTY (HIS OWN)
BUT DID NOT CLEARLY EXPLAIN HIS ACTION NOR DISCLOSE HIS
FUTURE PLANS. HE SAID HE WAS DISGUSTED WITH THE LABOR
PARTY'S INTRIGUES, BACK-BITING, CORRUPTION AND HYPOCRISY,
THE SHAMELESS WAY IT CHOSE IT S CANDIDATES, THE AUTOCRATIC
WAY IT IS RUN, AND ITS NEGLECT OF THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS.
THE ELECTORAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION NAMED KHER JAGATSINGH,
LABOR PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL, TO REPLACE BHUGALOO IN THE
ASSEMBLY, ON THE BASIS THAT HE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST PER-
CENTAGE OF VOTES AMONG THE DEFEATED LABOR CANDIDATES OF
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THE HINDU COMMUNITY. JAGATSINGH WILL PROBABLY JOIN THE
CABINET SHORTLY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN BHUGALOO'S VACATED
POST AS EDUCATION MINISTER. A CABINET RESHUFFLE IS EXPECTED.
THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) WITHDREW ITS INJUNCTION
AGAINST THE NAMING OF JAGATSINGH AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PROMISED THAT MRS. BAPPOO OF THE MMM WOULD REPLACE HIM
IF SHE WINS BHUGALOO'S SEAT FOLLOWING A RECOUNT.

2. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM REVEALED IN A SPEECH THAT THE MMM HAD PROPOSED TO FORM A COALITION WITH HIS PARTY PROVIDED HE WOULD MOVE UP TO A POWERLESS PRESIDENCY OF A REPUBLIC WHILE TURNING THE GOVERNMENT OVER TO THE MMM. HE REJECTED THE IDEA THAT NEW GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SOON. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PMSD) LEADER DUVAL CALLED FOR EARLY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AFTER ANNOUNCING THAT THE PMSD WAS ABANDONING THE IDEA OF HAVING ITS PEOPLE APPOINTED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THREE MUNICIPALITIES. HE LAUNCHED THE IDEA OF A PMSD ALLIANCE WITH THE LABOR PARTY FOR THE NEXT ELECTORAL ROUND. THE MMM HELD AN IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL RALLY IN PORT LOUIS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 50,000 PEOPLE. PARTY LEADER BERENGER PREDICTED THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS WITHIN A YEAR. HE LEFT ON A TOUR OF SEVERAL NEARBY AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE HE INTENDS TO DENOUNCE THE FORMATION OF THE "REACTIONARY" LABOR-PMSD COALITION GOVERNMENT IN MAURITIUS.

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